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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, UR

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT IZRAIL ZALMANSON, LEIB KHNOKH, AND IOSIF MENDELEVICH HAVE BEEN INDIVIDUALLY TRANSFERRED TO VLADIMIR PRISON IN RECENT WEEKS, MENDELEVICH REPORTEDLY FOR REFUSING TO WORK ON THE SABBATH. ALL THREE ARE FROM THE FIRST LENINGRAD HIJACKING TRIAL, AND IT SEEMS TO US A VERY UNLIKELY COINCIDENCE THAT THE THREE COULD BE SENT TO VLADIMIR IN SUCH A SHORT TIME AS A REPRESSION OF THE THREE PRISONERS. IT OCCURS TO US, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS COULD BE ASSEMBLING THEM FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE, PERHAPS TO PREPARE THEM FOR RELEASE OR EXILE FROM THE USSR.

2. BECAUSE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE AWAY ON VACATION, WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING TRACK OF KIEV DEVELOPMENTS. WOULD  
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APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING IN THIS CHANNEL:

A. RE MOSCOW 10576 REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR TDY VISA TO KLIMENKOV, IS HE ONE OF THE SEVEN WE AUTHORIZED? IF OUR FILES ARE CORRECT, WE ONLY ISSUED FOUR OF SEVEN VISAS AND FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF SIX AS REQUESTED IN YOUR CABLE.

B. HAS FINAL REPORT ON KNOOP TRIP BEEN SENT? WE HAVE RECEIVED ONLY TWO CABLES ON TRIP--MOSCOW 10405 AND 10407. FYI: ROOF PEOPLE ARE CHARGED WITH COMING UP WITH ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE MEETING WITH THEM THIS WEEK.

3. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO JELL ON PLANS FOR VIENNA. HOPE TO GET CABLE OUT, ADDITIONAL TO YESTERDAY'S, GOING OVER AGENDA AND SCHEDULE. I WILL GO, AS WILL GEORGE.  
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